

# Shorelines

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### Monthly Meeting at the Capilano Golf and Country Club

420 Southborough Drive, West Vancouver, 604-922-9331

Coffee and Fellowship: 9:00 am, Club Business and Speaker: 9:30 - 11:15 am

**Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

*with speaker*

**Sandra Enticknap, Q.C., Miller Thomson LLP**

*“Current Topics in Estate Planning”*



Sandra is a partner at Miller Thomson LLP, a national law firm with offices in 12 cities in Canada which has one of the largest estate planning practices in Canada. She leads the estate planning practice in the Vancouver office. She is an author and editor of the publication “*Miller Thomson on Estate Planning*” which is updated regularly and is published by Carswell. She is also an editor and author of the BC Probate Practice Manual published by Continuing Legal Education.

She was a member of the Testate Succession Committee of the Succession Law Reform Project, which reviewed all of the succession laws in British Columbia and resulted in legislation revising those laws as of March 31, 2014. She also served on the British Columbia Law Institute Committee which recommended practices for wills practitioners relating to potential undue influence.

She has been listed in the Lexpert Directory of Leading Lawyers in Canada since 2007 and in Best Lawyers in Canada since 2013 for estate and trust matters. She was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2014. She has served on a number of not for profit boards and is currently on the Board of the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation.

Sandra will speak on Current Topics in Estate Planning - who is a spouse, challenges with US executors, attorneys and beneficiaries, update on family law considerations and new planning to avoid BC probate fees.

### Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...

#### Next Meeting at the Capilano Golf & Country Club



- **Monday, September 11th** - Andy Yan, *Urban Planning*
- **Membership Renewals** - details one page 2 ...
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- **2017/2018 Proposed MC (to be elected)** - details on page 4 ...

## President's Notes



Following Canada 150 celebrations, August starts off with BC Day. A holiday that gives all of us in the province the chance to celebrate our achievements or relax with friends and family members.

There has been quite a number of achievements in our province in the month of August throughout the years. Britain passed an Act in August 1858 to create the Crown Colony of British Columbia. Would you believe that in August 1914 the BC government, fearful of German raids and Canadian government inaction, bought two submarines from a US shipbuilder for our own private navy.

Other notable historic events in August include the commencement of construction on the Kettle River Railway and Kicking Horse Pass was named when James Hector was knocked out from a fall from his horse. Also, although not in BC however close to home, gold was first discovered in the Klondike. Throughout previous Augusts we have had several major forest fires however none as devastating as the one we are currently battling. Hopefully by the time you are reading this the fires are contained and the residents are returning to their homes.

BC Day is quickly followed by the Perseids meteor shower and this year by a rare solar eclipse. Who said August is typically a slow month.

In line with BC Day, a quick reminder as to the symbols of our province. These include the Steller's Jay (bird), the Pacific Dogwood (flower), jade (mineral), the Western Red Cedar (tree) and the provincial tartan, which contains colors to represent many aspects of the province. We may want to add sunscreen to the list.

As per my and Linda's earlier e-mails, our renewal process is now underway. I hope you have enjoyed the fellowship, the speakers, and the special events at our club this year and will renew for next year.

The AGM is scheduled to be held as part of our September meeting. Linda will distribute various reports as well as the final proposed 2017 / 2018 Management Committee before the meeting and all members will be given the opportunity to comment and vote. Nominations for the MC close on August 27th. From a personal perspective, volunteering for our club has been very rewarding and enjoyable and I recommend it to anyone who has the interest and time available. Enjoy the balance of the summer.

August (1977)-- Elvis left the building.

Dave Walker

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## Membership Renewals

The e-mail that you will have received mid-July from our President Dave Walker, will have explained the need to raise the annual membership dues to \$80. As we did last year, renewal notices will be e-mailed to all members on August 7th, regardless of the month in which a person joined, for payment by September 15.



We are also trying to get a better idea of where members are prepared to assist in the running of the club, even if only occasionally. Completing the renewal notice will help considerably. It will also confirm that your database information is current. Should there be changes, please advise Linda Metcalfe, our administrator, as well.

Please return the completed renewal notice with your cheque. This helps to ensure the payments are properly processed. We often encounter situations where a cheque is a company cheque or has only initials and a surname rather than the name used in the PROBUS registration.

Completed forms and cheques for \$80 may be mailed to the P.O. Box address on the renewal notice or brought to the August or September meeting – **with the form, please.**

Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know at [jeremy@marrassoc.com](mailto:jeremy@marrassoc.com) or contact our administrator at [linda@probuss-northshorevancouver.ca](mailto:linda@probuss-northshorevancouver.ca).

*Jeremy Marr*

## Special Events

### Paddlewheeler Cruise

The August 9th Paddlewheeler Cruise is sold out.

For those of you who are registered, detailed information will be sent out closer to the date.

### Seaspan

Your Special Events committee is working with Seaspan to schedule a second tour for the last week of September or first week of October. The first tour "sold out" at 100 members and those on the waitlist for the first tour are already on the list for the second.

No new registrants will be accepted until we have a specific date. A specific date will be published as soon as Seaspan can confirm it.

*Gordon Cook*

## New Member Welcomed and Introduced at July Meeting



**Neil Abramson** (*member since July 2017*) Neil was born in New York City but moved to Saskatchewan at the age of five, but now lives in Lions Bay. He received a degree in Sociology from the University of Saskatchewan and for the next ten years was a small business owner in Regina and Saskatoon. He then went back to school at the University of Western Ontario where he received an MBA and a PhD in International Business and Organizational Behaviour. For the last 25 years, Neil has worked at Simon Fraser University as a Professor of International Strategy. He is interested in photography, walking, camping and is a second bass with the Oratorio Singers. He is active in church work and is an Elder at West Vancouver Presbyterian Church.



**Greeters Ivan Johnston and Graham Crockart**



**President Dave Welcomes New Member Neil Abramson**



*President Dave welcomes Administrator Linda Metcalfe who made an unexpected visit to our meeting. She was taking a break from the heat (and some smoke) in the Okanagan to visit friends on the North Shore including PROBUS.*

*Special thanks to photographer Darryl Stodalka*

## Nominating Committee

Your past President Mike McMahon, President Dave Walker and Vice President John Zaplatynsky are the Nominating Committee. They are responsible for putting together a slate of Management Committee members for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee, for election at the September Annual General Meeting, follow on page 4. Nominations close on August 27, 2017. If you have a member that agrees to be nominated for a position on the 2017-18 Management Committee, please submit the name to Mike McMahon 604 - 926-1088 prior to August 27, 2017.

*Mike McMahon*

## 2017/2018 Proposed Management Committee (to be elected)



**John Zaplatynsky**  
President \*



**Jim Grey**  
Vice-President



**Norm Alban**  
Secretary\*



**Gordon Adair**  
Treasurer\*



**Darryl Stodalka**  
Chair: Communications\*



**Gary Sutherland**  
Chair: House



**Jeremy Marr**  
Chair: Membership\*



**Michael Coady**  
Chair: Speakers\*



**Gordon Cook**  
Chair: Special Events\*

### Additional Member Not Requiring Election

**Dave Walker, Past President\***

\* Member of the 2016-2017 Management Committee

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**John Zaplatynsky** (Member since April 2011) John's career included 13 years with T. Eaton Co. Ltd. and then founder of Canada GardenWorks Ltd., where he was President and CEO for 27 years. He continues as Board Chair of the family owned business. Outside his career, John has served on many Boards and leadership roles.

**Jim Grey** (Member since September 2012) Jim's career included 35 years in telecommunications with IBM, TELUS and Radiant Communications. Jim has also served on the board of Junior Achievement of BC, BCIT, the Vancouver Board of Trade and the Campaign Cabinet of United Way. He was also a Director, then President of Hollyburn Country Club.

**Norm Alban** (Member since April 2016) Norm's career was primarily as a management consultant at Price Waterhouse and various volunteer projects world-wide. His interests include cycle touring, West Vancouver School Trustee and West Vancouver United Church.

**Gordon Adair** (Member December 2008) Gordon's career for 57 years was in Finance and Accounting and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and a FCPA (Fellow of the CPA's), is a board member of the Coho Society of the North Shore for 30+ years. He was also a former partner at Deloitte and Director of Finance at ICBC.

**Darryl Stodalka** (Member September 2005) Darryl's career in Information Technology took him from government in Edmonton to the oil patch in Calgary and on to Vancouver in the insurance industry. Darryl and his wife have lived in West Vancouver for over 25 years. When joining PROBUS he helped the Club go digital contributing to lowering dues.

**Gary Sutherland** (Member since February 2014) Gary's entire career was in the investment industry, first with Pemberton Securities and then VP and Investment Councillor with Royal Bank Investment Management. Gary currently serves as a Director of Pacific Insight Electronics Corp, as chair of the Nomination and Compensation Committee.

**Jeremy Marr** (Member since December 2008) Jeremy came to Canada from the UK fifty years ago with an engineering degree from Cambridge. He worked for Chrysler Canada in Toronto and Pacific Press in Vancouver before becoming a consultant in quality management systems. His interests include bridge, golf and singing with the Pacific Spirit Choir.

**Michael Coady** (Member since January 2011) is an East Coast transplant to the West Coast since 1973. He has a degree in law and a Masters degree in labour law. He practiced management-side labour and employment law in Vancouver for 40 years prior to his retirement in 2013. Michael was a speaker and panellist in labour law conferences in the Vancouver area.

**Gordon Cook** (Member since September 2012) Gord's extensive career in Information Technology included IBM and West Coast Energy Inc. He also formed and was President of the Cascadia Consulting Group Inc. and was also a founding partner of Trilogics Inc. While still helping old clients, Gord now spends more time with his family.

## Last Month Speaker - Cathy Peters



**President Dave Walker thanks our guest speaker Cathy Peters with a bowl hand crafted by a member.**

### **Human Trafficking and Sexual, Youth and Child Exploitation**

Our presenter, Cathy Peters is a parent, concerned citizen and educator who has been raising awareness of this subject for over four years, initially at the Federal government level and now with provincial and Municipal governments. Much of her awareness of the seriousness of the subject arose while she worked with two Federal members of parliament, including West Vancouver's John Weston.

Our presentation began with a video highlighting the problem around the world and what some countries are doing in response. We must realize, however, that this is not a problem that only exists in Europe and Southeast Asia as it is rapidly becoming a major issue in the Lower Mainland and even the North Shore. The rise and use of the internet has provided opportunity for the trafficking to grow and the involvement of criminal gangs has created "hot spots" for exploitation.

We must realize that it is unacceptable for women and children to be bought and sold in a modern and equal society. We were told that we are Mrs. Peters' "army" in this cause and must recognize that each child is one caring and consistent adult away from success.

In her work with Manitoba MP Joy Smith, she met survivors of the sex trade and learned that the solution to the problem is to focus on the source of the problem – men who procure sexual services and those who advertise businesses that open the door to sexual exploitation. Bill C136 The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act, was passed to address this issue.

In her work Mrs. Peters has two goals – education of youth and enforcement of the laws passed to stop exploitation. Her work has prompted her to do numerous school presentations to help educate young people about the dangers and to the Union of BC Municipalities and RCMP detachments to encourage them to enforce the laws that exist.

Human trafficking can be described as a modern form of slavery which is very profitable for those who control it. Where prostitution has been legalized, the demand for exploitation of women and young girls has exploded and is controlled by criminal elements. The trend is to involve girls as young as ten or even younger for Aboriginal girls. Women are moved from poor countries and traditional labour laws cannot control legalized prostitution. In countries where prostitution is legal up to 83 per cent of men buy sex, whereas in countries where it is not legal the number is 7 – 8 per cent.

The solution lies in four areas – awareness, protection, partnerships and prosecution. We need to be aware that this problem exists locally and is growing; are we establishing rules to understand the threat on the internet; government and social service agencies must work together; and the police and courts must uphold the laws that have been passed.

We want our children and grandchildren to grow up in a safe, caring and protective society. "Good men will not exploit and will teach boys to become good men."

*John Zaplatynsky*

Cathy Peters' presentation is on our website at:  
<http://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/speakers.htm>



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